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Mr. Jerry Lenthall, Chairperson
San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors
County Government Center, Room 370
San Luis Obispo, California 93408

Dear Chairperson Lenthall:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) granted a Secretarial disaster designation for the County of **Santa Barbara** and the contiguous Counties of **Kern, San Luis Obispo, and Ventura** due to agriculture losses caused by extremely high winds that occurred on December 27, 2006, through December 28, 2006

The Governor's Office of Emergency Services is providing the enclosed information regarding this designation. Please inform potential applicants throughout your county of this designation and information.

Sincerely,


KARMA HACKNEY
Program Manager

Enclosure

c: San Luis Obispo County OES
San Luis Obispo County Agricultural Commissioner
California Department of Food and Agriculture



U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Designation Santa Barbara County – Extremely High Winds

Designation Information

The following table illustrates the designation information.

Eligible Primary County(s):	Santa Barbara
Eligible Contiguous County(s):	Kern, San Luis Obispo, Ventura
Event:	Extreme High Winds that occurred December 27, 2006 through December 28, 2006
Assistance made available by designation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emergency farm loans for actual losses as a direct result of the disaster• Up to a maximum of \$500,000• Interest rate of 3.75 percent
Application deadline:	October 29, 2007
Who may apply:	Farmers and ranchers who conduct family-sized farming operations
How to apply:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contact local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office listed in the local telephone directory under U.S. Government, Agriculture• Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at 202-720-2600 (voice and TDD)
USDA website for additional information:	www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/disaster/assistance1.htm